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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
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Marilee Burrell      )      Examiner: TBA  
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Serial No. 09/966,724 )      Group Art Unit: TBA  
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Filed: October 1, 2001 )  
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For:   AMPLIFICATION OF HUMAN MDM2 GENE )  
      IN HUMAN TUMORS                           )      Atty. Dkt. No. 01107.00193

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered prior to an action on the merits:

We believe no fee is due in connection with this filing. If a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.